

[30th January 1931]

APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to question No. 285 asked by Mr. K. Koti Reddi at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 30th January 1931, page 590 supra.]

G.O. Ms. No. 2589, Law (Education), dated 13th December 1929.

READ—the following paper :—

From the Director of Public Instruction, No. 1010-B/29,
dated the 9th May 1929.

Order—Ms. No. 2589, Law (Education), dated 13th December 1929.

The Indian Cinematograph Committee has recommended—

- (1) the use of films of educational value in schools and colleges, and
- (2) the use of the cinema in mass adult education.

2. In regard to the first recommendation, the Government agree with the observation of the Committee that they would not recommend expenditure on films and projectors in educational establishments where such expenditure would have to be provided out of normal budgets. The funds available for secondary and higher education are limited and funds for cinemas and projectors could only be provided at the expense of other more useful developments. The Government accordingly do not propose to take any action in this direction. As regards the second recommendation, the Government recognize the important part which might be played by the cinema in mass adult education but do not consider the time has yet come for incurring the considerable cost involved in carrying out the proposal, in view of the fact that almost all the films now available are of non-Indian origin and are unsuited to the purpose of educating the rural population.

The question will be reconsidered if and when a Central Cinema Bureau is constituted by the Government of India as recommended by the Cinematograph Committee and films of educational value suited to the Indian people become available in considerable quantities.

(By order of the Government, Ministry of Education and
Local Self-Government)

J. VENKATANARAYANA,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.